DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) in how many International Film Festivals did India participate during the last one year;

(b) the level of India's performance; and

(c) what steps are being taken to popularise Indian films abroad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Directorate of Film Festivals, an attached office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting participated with Indian Panorama films in sixty International Film Festivals held abroad during December' 95 to November' 96.

(b) The performance was generally satisfactory and Indian Panorama films won six major International awards.

(c) Under the Cultural Exchange Programme with different countires, a number of Indian film weeks are held abroad regularly. In addition, the Directorate of Film Festivals has gradually increased Indian participation in different International Film Festivals abroad.

According Powers to the Chief Nursing Officer in Relation to his Staff at Par with the Medical Superintendent

2604. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Nursing personnel of AIIMS to give same powers to the Chief Nursing Officer in relation to the staff working under them as are exercised by the Medical Superintendent in relation to medical administration staff in order to enhance efficiency; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Institute has not received such demand from the Nursing Personnel.

Airlinking of Jalandhar/Kapurthala with Delhi

2605. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the matter with regard to airlinking of Jalandhar/Kapurthala with Delhi is pending with Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a long cherished dream of the people of Jalandhar and Kapurthala could not become a reality despite various assurances given by Government;

(c) if so, the specific reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) what effective measures Government propose to provide air services and make plans to airlink Jalandhra and Kapurthala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The airstrip available at Jalandhar is not fit for operations and there is, no airstrip at Kapurthala.

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Facilities to the Poor in CHC and Sub-Divisional District Level Hospitals

2606. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: